worsening power position in Assam; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The power supply position in Assam which during the last four year has been as follows:

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Requirement (MU)	2423.7	2368.0	2437.1	2811.6
Availability (MU)	2040.2	2098.3	2231.3	2509.2
Shortage (MU)	383.5	269.7	205.8	302.4
% Shortage	15.8	11.4	8.4	10.8

(b) Various measures taken to improve the availability of power in Assam include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, improving the performance of existing units, facilitating Inter-State/regional exchange of power, reduction in T&D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.

Oil Selection Boards

3939. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Oil Selection Boards working under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and their composition;

(b) the tenure of their Chairman and Members and the mode of their selection;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint senior serving/Rtd. Judges of High Courts as Chairman/Member of the Boards so as to make them high power boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Existing policy provides for constitution of Oil Selection Boards as under:

(i)	Retd. High Court Judge	— Chairman
(ii)	A representative of SC/ST/other weaker sections.	— Member.I
(iii)	A prominent public figure	— Member. II

A minimum of two Members shall constitute quorum for the Board. In the absence of the Chairman, the Member at Sl. No. (ii) above shall act as Chairman. The tenure of the Chairman and Members is for a period not exceeding two years.

At present 12 Oil Selection Boards are in existence. Their composition is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below). These Boards are, however, not functional at present.

Statement

Names of Chairman, Members of the Oil Selection Boards in Existence.

S. No.	Name of OSB	Name of Chairman/Members.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Shri G. Krishna Murthy 2. Shri Ram Pher Gautam 3. Vacant
2.	Bihar	1. Justice B. Prasad 2. Dr. Faguni Ram 3. Shri Shamim Hashmi
3.	Delhi, Chandigarh & J&K	1. Justice (Retd) H.C. Goyal 2. Shri Krishan Swaroop 3. Shri G.A. Mir
4.	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1. Justice Rabindranath Pyne 2. Shri K.V. Gohil 3. Shri Raj Karan Singh
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1. Justice P.N. Nag 2. Vacant 3. Shri Vijay Shrivastav
6.	Karnataka	1. Shri G. Krishnamurthy (Addl. Change) 2. Haji Wasim 3. Shri Ashok Sharma
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1. Justice (Retd) H.L. Gupta 2. Shri Shiv Balak Passi 3. Shri Ratnakar Pandey
8.	Maharashtra, Goa & Daman Diu	1. Justice (Retd) P. Dayal 2. Shri R.S. Nautiyal 3. Shri Naresh Pugalia
9.	Orissa	1. Justice Rabindranath Pyne 2. Shri Jairaj Gautam 3. Shri Shobaram Naik
10.	Rajasthan	1. Justice P.N. Nag 2. Shri Ramesh Bagwe 3. Shri Jagdish Piyush
11.	West Bengal	1. Justice (Retd) S.K. Hazari 2. Vacant 3. Shri K.L., Sharma
12.	North East	1. Justice (Retd) Tarun Das 2. Prof. Indreshwar Pegu 3. Shri N.R. Laskar

Science & Technology Based Programmes for use fo Common Man

3940. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE & TECHOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that science and technology based programmes, for the benefit of common man in rural areas are being implemented by voluntary organisations in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such voluntary organisations active in Madhya Prdesh and the details of programmes being implemented by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE